preceding predictive-coded video object plane (P-VOP) that is decoded just prior to the video object plane.---

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested prior to an examination of the above-captioned application.

By the present amendment, Applicants amend claim 9 (which was submitted upon the filing of the reissue application) to more specifically specify the method for determining a local time base. Specifically, claim 9 is amended to indicate that the decoded modulo time base data and a value of the decoded time base increment are combined with the decoded time code when the video object plane is a first plane in a display order after the group of pictures header, while the decoded modulo time base and a value of the decoded time base increment are combined with the reference time base obtained by the decoded modulo time base data of a preceding video object plane when the video object plane is a plane subsequent to the first plane.
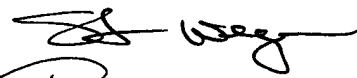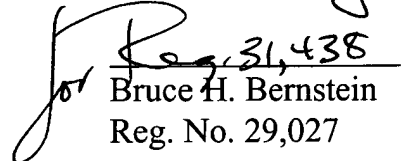
New claims 10 and 11 depend from claim 9. Claim 10 specifies the manner in which the reference time base is incremented, and additionally specifies that the time code is an initial value of the reference time base. Claim 11 specifies a relationship of the decoded modulo time base data.

Applicants submit that the error noted in the Reissue Declaration submitted with the filing of the present application on May 2, 2001 continues to be addressed by claims 9-11 in

the present Preliminary Amendment; namely, the failure to submit claims in the application

that issued as U.S. Letters Patent 6,075,576 directed to decoding a time code. Accordingly,

Applicants submit that a Supplemental Declaration need not be submitted at the present time.

However, should the Examiner deem it necessary, Applicants will submit a Supplemental

Declaration upon receipt of a notice of Allowance.

Should there be any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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